Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2016 Results

February 15, 2017



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Q416 and FY16 Results, Consolidated

	Q416 Actuals	Q416 Guidance ²	FY16 Actuals	FY16 Guidance ²
Total Revenue	\$67.6M	\$66.8M to \$68.8M	\$252.6M	\$252M to \$254M
Non-GAAP Gross Margin ¹	70.0%	68% to 68.5%	69.4%	69.0% to 69.5%
Non-GAAP Opex ¹	\$42.4M	\$43M to \$44M	\$157.2M	\$157.5M to \$158.5M
GAAP loss per share	(\$0.05)	(\$0.13) to (\$0.10)	(\$0.28)	(\$0.36) to (\$0.33)
Non-GAAP Diluted earnings per share ¹	\$0.09	\$0.04 to \$0.07	\$0.33	\$0.27 to \$0.30
Basic Shares	49.2M	49.5M	49.4M	49.5M
Diluted Shares	49.5M	50M	49.7M	50M

¹⁾ Non-GAAP financial measures; please see reconciliation in presentation appendix.



²⁾ Guidance as provided on October 26, 2016.

Q416 and FY16 Results, Taqua Only

	Q416 Actuals	Q416 Guidance ²	FY16 Actuals	FY16 Guidance ²
Total Revenue	\$1.8 M	\$1.8M	\$1.9M	\$2M
Non-GAAP Gross Margin ¹	-	Not provided	-	Not provided
Non-GAAP Opex ¹	1	Not provided	-	Not provided
GAAP loss per share	(\$0.08)	(\$0.08)	(\$0.10)	(\$0.09)
Non-GAAP loss per share ¹	(\$0.06)	(\$0.05)	(\$0.07)	(\$0.06)
Basic Shares	49.2M	49.5M	49.4M	49.5M
Diluted Shares	49.5M	49.5M	49.7M	50M

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Condensed Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet	1	Actual	4	Actual	A	Actual	F	Actual	4	Actual	P	ctual	A	Actual	F	Actual
\$M		Q1'15	(Q2'15	(Q3'15	(Q4'15		Q1'16	(Q2'16	(23'16	(Q4'16
ASSETS																
Cash & Investments	\$	112.8	\$	113.5	\$	126.9	\$	142.2	\$	142.4	\$	142.7	\$	121.0	\$	126.1
Accounts Receivable, Net		55.6		48.7		51.3		51.5		34.4		36.9		44.2		53.9
Inventory, Net		25.1		25.7		24.2		23.1		22.5		20.7		20.8		18.3
Property Plant Equipment, Net		18.3		15.5		14.8		13.6		12.7		12.4		13.1		11.7
Goodwill & Intangibles		71.9		70.3		68.5		66.4		64.5		62.7		90.9		79.6
Other Assets		20.2		21.8		19.5		16.0		21.5		20.7		19.9		18.5
Total Assets	\$	304.0	\$	295.4	\$	305.2	\$	312.9	\$	297.9	\$	296.1	\$	309.9	\$	308.1
LIABILITIES & EQUITY																
Liabilities	\$	34.2	\$	33.5	\$	41.4	\$	43.8	\$	28.0	\$	30.6	\$	42.8	\$	38.2
Deferred Revenues		48.6		49.5		48.3		46.1		48.3		45.4		46.4		50.7
Stockholders Equity		221.2		212.5		215.5		223.0		221.6		220.1		220.7		219.1
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$	304.0	\$	295.4	\$	305.2	\$	312.9	\$	297.9	\$	296.1	\$	309.9	\$	308.1
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Condensed Non-GAAP Statement of Operations

Condensed Non GAAP P&L	Α	ctual	Δ	ctual	Α	ctual	A	ctual	A	Actual	Α	ctual	Δ	ctual	4	Actual	Α	ctual	A	Actual
\$M		21'15	C	Q2'15	C	23'15	C	Q4'15	ı	FY'15	C	21'16	C	Q2'16	(Q3'16	C	4'16	ı	FY'16
Product Revenue	\$	24.9	\$	27.0	\$	42.2	\$	47.8	\$	141.9	\$	34.8	\$	35.3	\$	38.6	\$	37.7	\$	146.4
Service Revenue		25.3		27.7		25.6		28.5		107.1		24.4		25.5		26.4		29.9		106.2
Total Revenue		50.1		54.7		67.9		76.3		249.0		59.2		60.9		65.0		67.6		252.6
Gross Margin		30.9		36.1		47.5		54.5		168.9		40.4		42.1		45.5		47.3		175.3
Gross Margin %		61.5%		65.9%		70.0%		71.4%		67.8%		68.4%		69.2%		69.9%		70.0%		69.4%
OPEX		43.5		40.9		41.4		42.6		168.4		38.0		37.8		39.0		42.4		157.2
Income/(Loss) from Operations		(12.6)		(4.8)		6.1		11.8		0.5		2.5		4.3		6.4		4.9		18.2
Net Income	\$	(13.1)	\$	(5.1)	\$	5.6	\$	11.6	\$	(1.1)	\$	1.7	\$	4.1	\$	6.2	\$	4.5	\$	16.5
Fully Diluted EPS	\$	(0.27)	\$	(0.10)	\$	0.11	\$	0.23	\$	(0.02)	\$	0.03	\$	0.08	\$	0.12	\$	0.09	\$	0.33
Fully Diluted Shares		49.4		49.5		49.7		49.9		49.6		49.7		50.0		49.9		49.5		49.7



Key Stats

\$(000s)	FY16	Q416	Q316	Q216	Q116
Revenue					
Product	146,381	37,662	38,601	35,349	34,769
Services	106,210	29,910	26,410	25,508	24,382
Total Revenue	252,591	67,572	65,011	60,857	59,151
% of Total Revenue	FY16	Q416	Q316	Q216	Q116
Revenue					
Product	58%	56%	59%	58%	59%
Services	42%	44%	41%	42%	41%
Revenue by Geography					
Domestic	69%	68%	70%	70%	68%
International	31%	32%	30%	30%	32%
% of Product Revenue	FY16	Q416	Q316	Q216	Q116
Revenue by Channel					
Direct	74%	75%	68%	75%	79%
Indirect	26%	25%	32%	25%	21%
Operating Statistics	FY16	Q416	Q316	Q216	Q116
10% Customers					
Number of 10% customers	1	1	1	2	2
Name of 10% customers	AT&T	CenturyLink	AT&T	AT&T	Level 3
				Verizon	AT&T
5K/7K					
5K/7K Product Revenue	54,409	12,506	14,194	13,588	14,121
5K/7K as % of Product Revenue	37%	33%	37%	38%	41%
Top 5 Customers as % of Revenue	37%	39%	41%	46%	46%
	3170	3970	4170	4070	40%
Enterprise as % of Product Revenue	19%	18%	21%	20%	18%
Number of Total Customers**	*	773	698	691	640
Number of New Customers**	438	156	145	151	131

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^{*} Not historically provided.

^{**}Customer count reflects end customer and excludes customers with maintenance only revenue of less than \$5k on a quarterly basis.

Outlook

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- Revenue of approximately \$52 million
- GAAP loss per share of approximately \$0.30
- Non GAAP loss per share of approximately \$0.14¹

First Half 2017

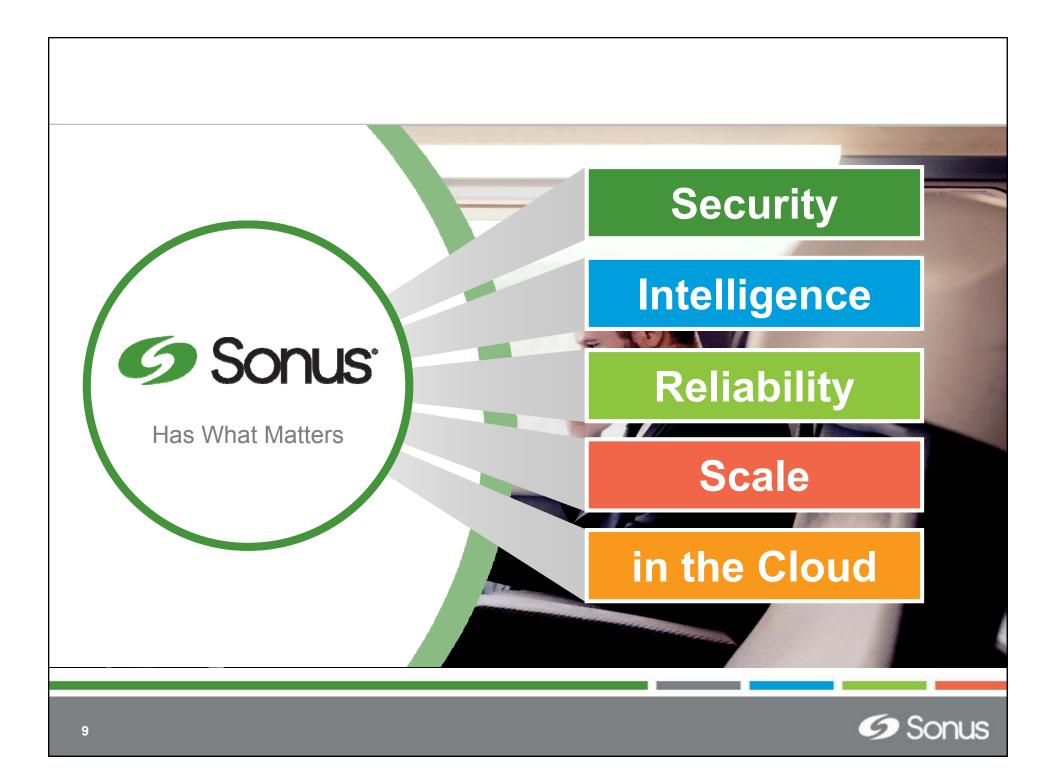
Revenue of \$105 million

Fiscal 2017

- Flat to low single digit revenue growth versus prior year
- Comfortable with analyst Consensus estimate of Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share of \$0.26¹, which equates to a GAAP loss per share of \$0.35

1) Non-GAAP financial measures; please see reconciliation in presentation appendix.





Appendix



Q416 and FY16 Results, excluding Taqua Acquisition

	Q416 Actuals	Q416 Guidance ²	FY16 Actuals	FY16 Guidance ²
Total Revenue	\$65.8 M	\$65M to \$67M	\$250.7M	\$250M to \$252M
Non-GAAP Gross Margin ¹	71.0%	69.0% to 69.5%	69.7%	69.0% to 69.5%
Non-GAAP Opex ¹	\$38.8M	\$39.5M to \$40.5M	\$153.3M	\$154M to \$155M
GAAP earnings (loss) per share	\$0.03	(\$0.05) to (\$0.02)	(\$0.18)	(\$0.27) to (\$0.24)
Non-GAAP Diluted earnings per share ¹	\$0.15	\$0.09 to \$0.12	\$0.40	\$0.33 to \$0.36
Basic Shares	49.2M	49.5M	49.4M	49.5M
Diluted Shares	49.5M	50M	49.7M	50M

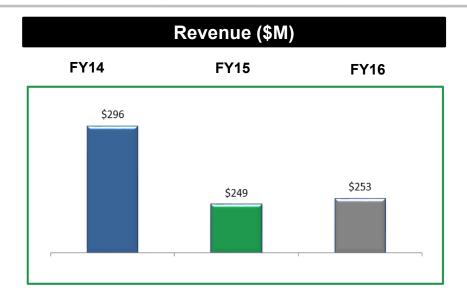
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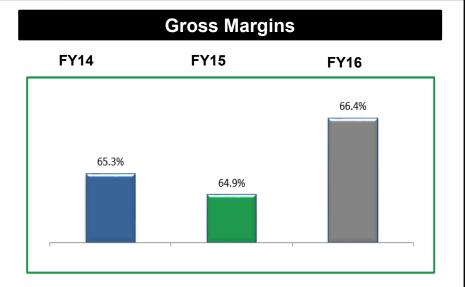


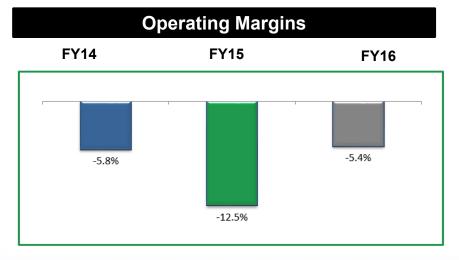
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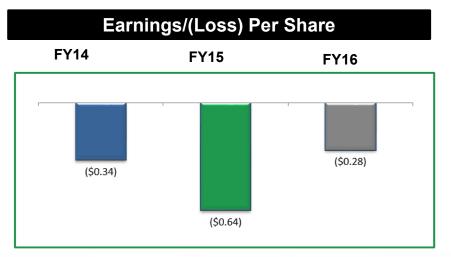
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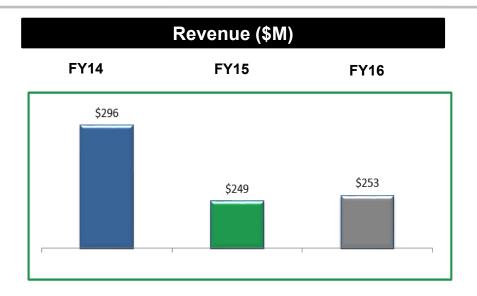


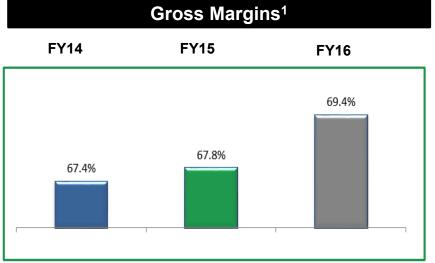


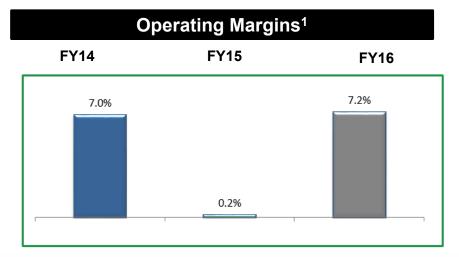


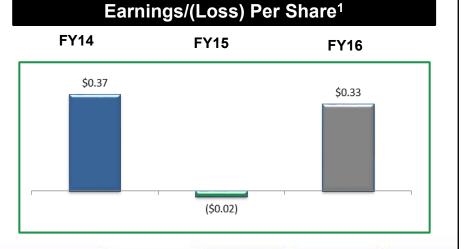
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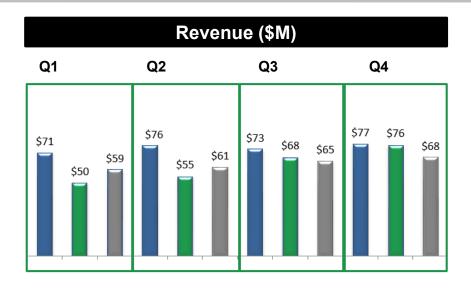


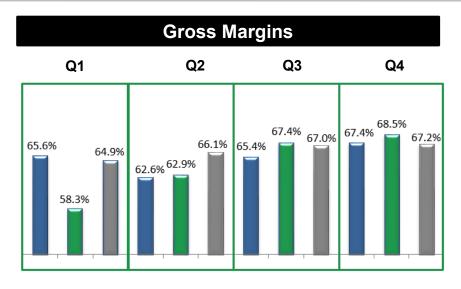
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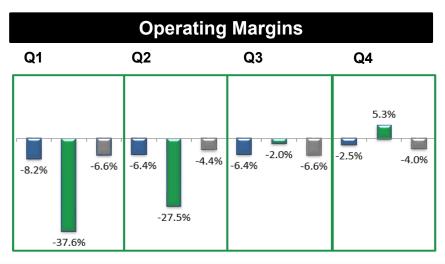


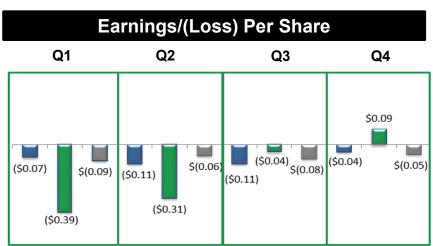


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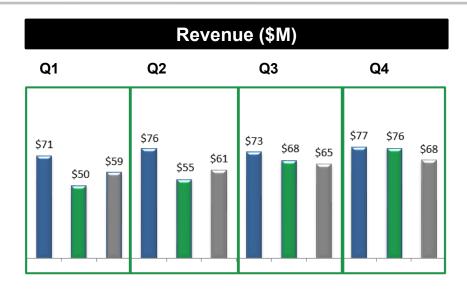


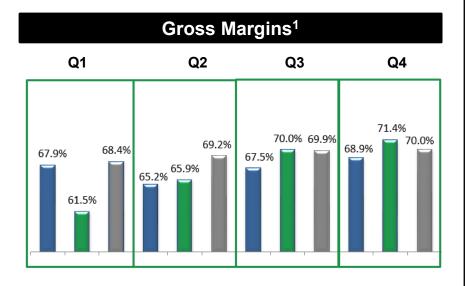
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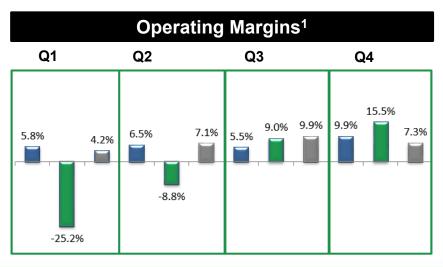
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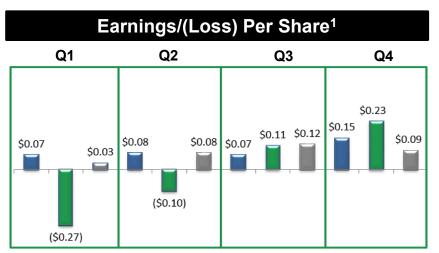
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Discussion of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Sonus management uses several different financial measures, both GAAP and non-GAAP, in analyzing and assessing the overall performance of the business, making operating decisions, planning and forecasting future periods, and determining payments under compensation programs. Our annual financial plan is prepared both on a GAAP and non-GAAP basis, and the non-GAAP annual financial plan is approved by our board of directors. Continuous budgeting and forecasting for revenue and expenses are conducted on a non-GAAP basis (in addition to GAAP) and actual results on a non-GAAP basis are assessed against the annual financial plan. We consider the use of non-GAAP financial measures helpful in assessing the core performance of our continuing operations and liquidity, and when planning and forecasting future periods. By continuing operations, we mean the ongoing results of the business excluding certain expenses and credits, including, but not limited to: the fair value write-up of acquired inventory, stock-based compensation, amortization of intangible assets, patent litigation settlement expense, depreciation expense for an abandoned facility, divestiture costs, acquisition-related expense, restructuring and certain gains included in other income (expense). We consider the use of non-GAAP earnings (loss) per share helpful in assessing the performance of the continuing operations of our business. While our management uses non-GAAP financial measures as a tool to enhance their understanding of certain aspects of our financial performance, our management does not consider these measures to be a substitute for, or superior to, GAAP measures. In addition, our presentations of these measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies. These non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered alternatives for, or in isolation from, the financial information prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP

Investors are cautioned that there are material limitations associated with the use of non-GAAP financial measures as an analytical tool. In particular, many of the adjustments to Sonus' financial measures reflect the exclusion of items that are recurring and will be reflected in our financial results for the foreseeable future.

As part of the assessment of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in connection with the Performance Technologies, Incorporated ("PT"), we were required to increase the aggregate fair value of acquired inventory by \$1.8 million. The acquired inventory was recorded as cost of product revenue through June 27, 2014. We believe that excluding the incremental cost of product revenue resulting from the fair value write-up of this acquired inventory facilities the comparison of our operating results to our historical results and to other companies in our industry as if the acquired inventory had been purchased by us initially and not acquired through a business combination.



Discussion of Non-GAAP Financial Measures (continued)

Stock-based compensation is different from other forms of compensation, as it is a non-cash expense. For example, a cash salary generally has a fixed and unvarying cash cost. In contrast, the expense associated with an equity-based award is generally unrelated to the amount of cash ultimately received by the employee, and the cost to us is based on a stock-based compensation valuation methodology and underlying assumptions that may vary over time. We believe that excluding non-cash stock-based compensation expense from our operating results facilitates the comparison of our financial statements to our historical operating results and to other companies in our industry.

We exclude the amortization of acquired intangible assets from non-GAAP expense and income measures. These amortization amounts are inconsistent in frequency and amount and are significantly impacted by the timing and size of acquisitions. Although we exclude amortization of acquired intangible assets from our non-GAAP expenses, we believe that it is important for investors to understand that intangible assets contribute to revenue generation. We believe that excluding the non-cash amortization of intangible assets facilitates the comparison of our financial results to our historical operating results and to other companies in our industry as if the acquired intangible assets had been developed internally rather than acquired.

In June 2016, we recorded \$0.6 million of patent litigation settlement costs. This amount is included as a component of General and administrative expense; however, we believe that such patent litigation settlement costs are not part of our core business or ongoing operations. Accordingly, we believe that excluding this patent litigation settlement expense facilitates the comparison of our financial results to our historical operating results and to other companies in our industry.

During the second quarter of 2015, we reached an agreement with the landlord of one of our previously restructured facilities to vacate the facility without penalty or future payments. As a result, we were able to vacate the facility earlier than originally planned. In connection with this settlement, we recorded incremental depreciation expense to account for the change in estimated life of the fixed assets related to this facility. We believe that excluding this incremental depreciation expense facilitates the comparison of our financial results to our historical operating results and to other companies in our industry, as such incremental depreciation expense is not related to our ongoing operations or our core business activities.



Discussion of Non-GAAP Financial Measures (continued)

In the second quarter of 2014, we sold the Multi-Protocol Server business that we acquired in connection with the acquisition of PT. We do not consider these divestiture costs to be related to our continuing operations. We believe that excluding divestiture costs facilitates the comparison of our financial results to our historical operating results and to other companies in our industry.

We consider certain transition, integration and other acquisition-related costs to be unpredictable and dependent on a significant number of factors that may be outside of our control. We do not consider these acquisition-related costs to be related to the continuing operations of the acquired business or the Company. In addition, the size, complexity and/or volume of an acquisition, which often drives the magnitude of acquisition-related costs, may not be indicative of such future costs. We believe that excluding acquisition-related costs facilitates the comparison of our financial results to our historical operating results and to other companies in our industry.

We have recorded restructuring expense to streamline operations and reduce operating costs by closing and consolidating certain facilities and reducing our worldwide workforce. Additionally, as previously announced, we expect to record restructuring expense in connection with new restructuring initiatives over the next twelve months. We review our restructuring accruals regularly and record adjustments (both expense and credits) to these estimates as required. We believe that excluding restructuring expense and credits facilitates the comparison of our financial results to our historical operating results and to other companies in our industry, as there are no future revenue streams or other benefits associated with these costs.

In July 2016, we sold the Network Equipment Technologies, Inc. domain name to a third party and recognized a gain, net of commission and fees, of \$0.8 million, and in December 2016, we sold a block of IP addresses which we had acquired in connection with our acquisition of PT and recognized a gain, net of commission and fees, of \$0.5 million. In October 2015, we sold the PT domain name and recognized a gain, net of commission and fees, of \$0.9 million. These amounts are included as components of Other Income, net in the respective fiscal years. We believe that such gains are not part of our core business or ongoing operations. Accordingly, we believe that excluding the other income arising from this sale facilitates the comparison of our financial results to our historical results and to other companies in our industry.



Discussion of Non-GAAP Financial Measures (continued)

In the first quarter of 2014, we recorded other income related to the settlement of a litigation matter in which we recovered a portion of our losses related to the impairment of certain prepaid royalties for software licenses that we had written off in 2012. This amount is included as a component of Other income, net. We believe that excluding the other income arising from this settlement, which we believe is not part of our ongoing operations, facilitates the comparison of our results to our historical results and to other companies in our industry.

We believe that providing non-GAAP information to investors, in addition to the GAAP presentation, will allow investors to view the financial results in the way management views the operating results. We further believe that providing this information helps investors to better understand our financial performance and evaluate the efficacy of the methodology and information used by our management to evaluate and measure such performance.



R&D Expense as % of Revenue: GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation

(in thousands, except percentages)		ear ended cember 31, 2016
Revenue	_\$	252,591
R&D expense		
GAAP research and development	\$	72,841
Stock-based compensation expense		(5,014)
Non-GAAP	\$	67,827
R&D as % of revenue		
GAAP research and development		28.8%
Stock-based compensation expense		-2.0%
Non-GAAP		26.9%



Q416 Results: GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation

	Three n	nonths en	ided December 3	1,2016	
(in thousands, except percentages and per share amounts)	nus Only ding Taqua)		Taqua		solidated
GAAP total gross margin	68.1%				67.2%
Stock-based compensation expense	0.7%				0.6%
Amortization of intangible assets	2.2%				2.2%
Non-GAAP total gross margin	71.0%				70.0%
GAAP operating expenses	\$ 43,469			\$	48,098
Stock-based compensation expense	(3,875)				(3,875)
Amortization of intangible assets	(319)				(506)
Acquisition-related expense	(198)				(201)
Restructuring	 (315)				(1,120)
Non-GAAP operating expenses	\$ 38,762			\$	42,396
GAAP income (loss) per share	\$ 0.03	\$	(0.08)	\$	(0.05)
Stock-based compensation expense	0.09		-		0.09
Amortization of intangible assets	0.04		*		0.04
Acquisition-related expense	*		*		*
Restructuring	*		0.02		0.02
Gain on sale of IP address blocks	 (0.01)				(0.01)
Non-GAAP income (loss) per share	\$ 0.15	\$	(0.06)	\$	0.09

^{*} Less than \$0.01 impact on loss per share



Q416 Guidance: GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation

	66.0% 66.6% 64.1% 64.79 0.7% 0.7% 0.7% 0.79 2.3% 2.2% 2.9% 2.89 0.0% 0.0% 0.3% 0.39 69.0% 69.5% 68.0% 68.59 \$ 44.4 \$ 45.4 \$ 48.8 \$ 49.8 (4.6) (4.6) (4.6) (4.6) (0.3) (0.3) (0.6) (0.6) - - (0.6) (0.6)												
	Son	us Only (ex	cluding	Taqua)	Т	Taqua		Consol	idated				
(in millions, except percentages and per share amounts)		Ra	nge					Rai	ıge				
Revenue	\$	65.0	\$	67.0	\$	1.8	\$	66.8	\$	68.8			
Gross margin													
GAAP outlook		66.0%		66.6%				64.1%		64.7%			
Stock-based compensation expense		0.7%		0.7%				0.7%		0.7%			
Amortization of intangible assets		2.3%		2.2%				2.9%		2.8%			
Fair value write-up of acquired inventory		0.0%		0.0%				0.3%		0.3%			
Non-GAAP guidance		69.0%		69.5%				68.0%		68.5%			
Operating expenses													
GAAP outlook	\$	44.4	\$	45.4			\$	48.8	\$	49.8			
Stock-based compensation expense		(4.6)		(4.6)				(4.6)		(4.6)			
Amortization of intangible assets		` ′		` /				` ,		(0.6)			
Restructuring		-		-				\ /					
Non-GAAP guidance	\$	39.5	\$	40.5			<u> </u>	43.0	\$	44.0			
Non-O/Vil guidance	Ψ	37.3		40.3			<u> </u>	43.0	Ψ				
Income (loss) per share													
GAAP outlook	\$	(0.05)	\$	(0.02)	\$	(0.08)	\$	(0.13)	\$	(0.10)			
Stock-based compensation expense		0.10		0.10		-		0.10		0.10			
Amortization of intangible assets		0.04		0.04		0.02		0.06		0.06			
Fair value write-up of acquired inventory		-		-		*		*		*			
Restructuring		-		_		0.01		0.01		0.01			
Non-GAAP guidance	\$	0.09	\$	0.12	\$	(0.05)	\$	0.04	\$	0.07			

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⁽A) As provided by the Company on October 26, 2016

FY16 Results: GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation

		Yea	ar ended D	ecember 31, 20	16	
(in thousands, except percentages and per share amounts	•	nus Only ding Taqua)	7	Taqua	Cor	nsolidated
GAAP total gross margin		66.6%				66.4%
Stock-based compensation expense		0.7%				0.7%
Amortization of intangible assets		2.4%				2.3%
Non-GAAP total gross margin		69.7%				69.4%
GAAP operating expenses	\$	175,924			\$	181,220
Stock-based compensation expense		(18,095)				(18,095)
Amortization of intangible assets		(1,275)				(1,462)
Patent litigation settlement		(605)				(605)
Acquisition-related expense		(1,149)				(1,152)
Restructuring		(1,551)				(2,740)
Non-GAAP operating expenses	\$	153,249			\$	157,166
GAAP loss per share	\$	(0.18)	\$	(0.10)	\$	(0.28)
Stock-based compensation expense		0.40		-		0.40
Amortization of intangible assets		0.15		*		0.15
Patent litigation settlement		0.01		_		0.01
Acquisition-related expense		0.02		*		0.02
Restructuring		0.03		0.03		0.06
Gains on sales of domain name and IP address blocks		(0.03)				(0.03)
Non-GAAP income (loss) per share	\$	0.40	\$	(0.07)	\$	0.33

 $[\]ast$ Less than \$0.01 impact on loss per share



FY16 Guidance: GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation

				Year ei	nding De	cember 31, 2	Consolidated								
	So	nus Only (ex	cluding	Taqua)	Т	Taqua		Consol	lidated						
(in millions, except percentages and per share amoun	its	Rai	nge		F	Range		Rai	nge						
Revenue	\$	250.0	\$	252.0	\$	2.0	\$	252.0	\$	254.0					
Gross margin															
GAAP outlook		65.9%		66.4%				65.7%		66.2%					
Stock-based compensation expense		0.7%		0.7%				0.7%		0.7%					
Amortization of intangible assets		2.4%		2.4%				2.5%		2.5%					
Fair value write-up of acquired inventory		0.0%		0.0%				0.1%		0.1%					
Non-GAAP guidance		69.0%		69.5%				69.0%		69.5%					
Operating expenses															
GAAP outlook	\$	176.9	\$	177.9			\$	181.7	\$	182.7					
Stock-based compensation expense		(18.8)		(18.8)				(18.8)		(18.8)					
Amortization of intangible assets		(1.3)		(1.3)				(1.6)		(1.6)					
Patent litigation settlement expense		(1.0)		(1.0)				(1.0)		(1.0)					
Acquisition-related expense		(0.6)		(0.6)				(0.6)		(0.6					
Restructuring		(1.2)		(1.2)				(2.2)		(2.2					
Non-GAAP guidance	\$	154.0	\$	155.0			\$	157.5	\$	158.5					
Income (loss) per share															
GAAP outlook	\$	(0.27)	\$	(0.24)	\$	(0.10)	\$	(0.36)	\$	(0.33)					
Stock-based compensation expense		0.41		0.41		-		0.41		0.41					
Amortization of intangible assets		0.15		0.15		0.02		0.17		0.17					
Fair value write-up of acquired inventory		-		-		*		*		*					
Patent litigation settlement expense		0.01		0.01		-		0.01		0.01					
Acquisition-related expense		0.02		0.02		-		0.02		0.02					
Restructuring		0.03		0.03		0.02		0.04		0.04					
Gain on sale of domain name		(0.02)		(0.02)				(0.02)		(0.02)					
Non-GAAP guidance	\$	0.33	\$	0.36	\$	(0.06)	\$	0.27	\$	0.30					

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Q117 and FY17 Outlook and Analyst Consensus: GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation

	Three months ending March 31, 2017			
Loss per share				
GAAP outlook	\$	(0.30)		
Stock-based compensation expense		0.09		
Amortization of intangible assets		0.05		
Restructuring		0.02		
Non-GAAP outlook	\$	(0.14)		

	Year ending December 31, 2017				
Income (logg) now shows					
Income (loss) per share	Ф	(0.25)			
GAAP loss per share	\$	(0.35)			
Stock-based compensation expense		0.38			
Amortization of intangible assets		0.19			
Restructuring		0.06			
Deferred tax asset adjustment		(0.02)			
Non-GAAP analyst consensus	\$	0.26			



Fiscal Year Actuals: GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation

	FY14	FY15	FY16
GAAP total gross margin	65.3%	64.9%	66.4%
Stock-based compensation expense	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%
Amortization of intangible assets	0.9%	2.2%	2.3%
Fair value write-up of acquired inventory	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Non-GAAP total gross margin	67.4%	67.8%	69.4%
GAAP loss from operations as a percentage of			
revenue (operating margin)	-5.8%	-12.5%	-5.4%
Fair value write-up of acquired inventory	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Stock-based compensation expense	8.1%	8.5%	7.8%
Amortization of intangible assets	1.6%	2.9%	3.0%
Patent litigation settlement expense	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
Depreciation expense for abandoned facility	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%
Divestiture costs	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Acquisition-related expense	0.5%	0.1%	0.5%
Restructuring	1.9%	0.9%	1.1%
Non-GAAP income (loss) from operations as a			
percentage of revenue (operating margin)	7.0%	0.2%	7.2%



Fiscal Year Actuals: GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation

		F Y14	1	FY15	FY16		
GAAP loss per share	\$	(0.34)	\$	(0.64)	\$	(0.28)	
Fair value write-up of acquired inventory		0.03		-		-	
Stock-based compensation expense		0.48		0.45		0.40	
Amortization of intangible assets		0.09		0.14		0.15	
Patent litigation settlement expense		-		-		0.01	
Depreciation expense for abandoned facility		-		0.01		-	
Divestiture costs		0.01		-		-	
Acquisition-related expense		0.03		*		0.02	
Restructuring		0.11		0.04		0.06	
Gains on sales of domain names and IP address blocks		-		(0.02)		(0.03)	
Litigation settlement - prepaid licenses		(0.04)					
Non-GAAP diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$	0.37	\$	(0.02)	\$	0.33	



^{*} Less than \$0.01 impact on loss per share

Quarterly GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation

	Q114	Q214	Q314	Q414	Q115	Q215	Q315	Q415	Q116	Q216	Q316	Q416
GAAP total gross margin	65.6%	62.6%	65.4%	67.4%	58.3%	62.9%	67.4%	68.5%	64.9%	66.1%	67.0%	67.2%
Stock-based compensation expense	0.5%	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%	0.9%	0.9%	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%
Amortization of intangible assets	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	2.3%	2.1%	1.9%	2.3%	2.8%	2.4%	2.2%	2.2%
Fair value write-up of acquired inventory	0.9%	1.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Non-GAAP total gross margin	67.9%	65.2%	67.5%	68.9%	61.5%	65.9%	70.0%	71.4%	68.4%	69.2%	69.9%	70.0%
GAAP income (loss) from operations as a												
percentage of revenue (operating margin)	-8.2%	-6.4%	-6.4%	-2.5%	-37.6%	-27.5%	-2.0%	5.3%	-6.6%	-4.4%	-6.6%	-4.0%
Fair value write-up of acquired inventory	0.8%	1.1%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Stock-based compensation expense	8.2%	9.2%	8.9%	6.1%	9.6%	12.5%	7.7%	6.3%	7.5%	7.6%	9.8%	6.3%
Amortization of intangible assets	1.5%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%	3.3%	2.9%	2.6%	2.8%	3.3%	2.9%	2.7%	3.0%
Patent litigation settlement expense	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Depreciation expense for abandoned facility	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Divestiture costs	0.0%	0.5%	*	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Acquisition-related expense	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	*	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	0.3%
Restructuring	1.7%	0.5%	0.9%	4.4%	-0.7%	2.7%	0.2%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	1.7%
Non-GAAP income (loss) from operations as a												
percentage of revenue (operating margin)	5.8%	6.5%	5.5%	9.9%	-25.2%	-8.8%	9.0%	15.5%	4.2%	7.1%	9.9%	7.3%
GAAP diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$ (0.07)	\$ (0.11) \$	(0.11) \$	(0.04)	\$ (0.39) \$	\$ (0.31)	\$ (0.04) \$	0.09	\$ (0.09)	\$ (0.06) \$	(0.08) \$	(0.05)
Fair value write-up of acquired inventory	0.01	0.02	0.01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stock-based compensation expense	0.11	0.13	0.14	0.09	0.10	0.14	0.11	0.10	0.08	0.09	0.13	0.09
Amortization of intangible assets	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Patent litigation settlement expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.01	-	-
Depreciation expense for abandoned facility	-	-	-	-	-	0.01	0.01	-	-	-	-	-
Divestiture costs	-	0.01	**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acquisition-related expense	0.02	-	-	0.01	**	**	-	-	-	-	0.02	**
Restructuring	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.07	(0.01)	0.03	**	0.02	-	-	0.03	0.02
Gains on sales of domain names and IP address blocks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(0.02)	-	-	(0.02)	(0.01)
Litigation settlement - prepaid licenses	(0.04)	-	-			-	-			-	-	
Non-GAAP diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.08 \$	0.07 \$	0.15	\$ (0.27) \$	(0.10)	\$ 0.11 \$	0.23	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.08 \$	0.12 \$	0.09

^{*} Less than 0.1% impact on income (loss) from operations as a percentage of revenue



^{**} Less than \$0.01 impact on income (loss) per share